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Karnataka Assembly By-polls 2024

Congress Wins all 3 Seats

Hat-trick defeats for Nikhil Kumaraswamy; BJP loses Shiggaon & Sandur

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (VNS)- In a major jolt to the Opposition BJP and JD(S) alliance, the ruling Congress party in the State emerged victorious in the by-polls held to three Assembly segments — Channapatna, Sandur and Shiggaon. With today's by-poll results, Congress party's strength in the 224-member Assembly has gone up to 137. The by-poll results also witnessed sons of two former Chief Ministers facing defeat.

The ruling party has the support of Melukote MLA Darshan Puttannaiah of Sarvodaya Karnataka Paksha.

The BJP and JD(S) alliance faced a humiliating defeat in Channapatna (Ramanagara District) with JD(S) State Youth President and NDA candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy conceding defeat to C.P. Yogeshwar, who contested on a Congress party ticket after quitting BJP recently.

C.P. Yogeshwar *(Channapatna)*

Syed Yasir Pathan *(Shiggaon)*

Annapoorna Tukaram *(Sandur)*

With this defeat, the JD(S) has lost its foothold in Ramanagara with all four MLAs from the district — Kanakapura, Magadi, Ramanangara and Channapatna Assembly seats — representing the Congress party.

The by-polls in Channapatna, which had grabbed the national attention, was expected to be a close fight between Congress party's Yogeshwar, also a former Minister and NDA candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy.

However, it turned out to be one-sided with Yogeshwar emerging victorious with a comfortable margin of 25,515 votes. While Yogeshwar secured a total of 1,12,635 votes, Nikhil Kumaraswamy had to be content with 87,120 votes.

This defeat for Nikhil came as a shock as he could not win in the Constituency which his father and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy had won in the 2023 Assembly polls.

(See CONGRESS on page 6)

Priyanka Gandhi leads by over 3.6 lakh margin in Wayanad

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra

New Delhi, Nov. 23 (Agencies)- Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has crossed her brother Rahul Gandhi's winning margin in Kerala's Wayanad.

She is leading by a margin of over 3.68 lakh votes in the Parliamentary by-election, which was held to fill the vacancy left by Rahul Gandhi when he moved to Raebareli. Rahul had won the seat by a margin of over 3.65 lakh votes in the Lok Sabha elections held this year, down from the 4 lakh-plus margin he had secured in 2019.

Priyanka Gandhi, who is making her electoral debut from Wayanad, has won over 5.4 lakh votes so far. CPI veteran Sathyan Mokeri is trailing with about 1.8 lakh votes while the BJP's Navya Haridas is in the third spot with about a lakh votes. A total of 16 candidates, including Priyanka, are contesting from Wayanad.

(See PRIYANKA on page 6)

NDA leads in Maharashtra; I.N.D.I.A retains Jharkhand

New Delhi, Nov. 23 (Agencies)- Nearly five hours into the vote counting for the Maharashtra and Jharkhand Assembly elections that began at 8 am today, NDA appears poised for a landslide victory in Maharashtra, while I.N.D.I Alliance has pulled off a surprise in Jharkhand.

All Mahayuti (NDA) alliance partners have showcased an impressive performance in Maharashtra, according to the trends, with their lead crossing over 200 out of the 288 seats.

Meanwhile, Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), which includes Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT), and NCP (SP) of I.N.D.I.A bloc is limited to just around 50-60 seats, marking a massive setback. While most exit polls predicted a Mahayuti win in Maharashtra, three exit polls suggested neither the Mahayuti nor the MVA would secure a clear majority. However, current trends indicate a definitive mandate for the NDA.

This is the first election after the splits in the NCP and Shiv Sena. In the 2019 elections, the BJP won 105 seats, the undivided Shiv Sena 56, undivided NCP 54, Congress 44, independents 13 and others 16 seats. Today's results hold immense significance, particularly for the NCP and Shiv Sena.

(See NDA on page 6)

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Kannada Rajyotsava Music Programme on Nov. 27

Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat, Mysuru, to confer Rajyotsava Awards

Gopal *Amshi* *Mallanna* *Jayappa* *Ganesh* *Jayaram*

Mysuru, Nov. 23- As part of Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, the District Unit of Sugama Sangeetha Parishat has organised a music programme titled 'Kannadave Satya' at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city on Nov. 27 at 4 pm.

The programme will feature live music with famous lyrics sung by thespian Dr. Rajkumar. MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah will inaugurate the event. Sugama Sangeetha Parishat Mysuru District President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy will preside. Literary figure Na. Damodar Shetty will deliver the keynote address. Music University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote will present the award to achievers.

The singers will be felicitated by renowned light music singer Nagara Srinivasa Udupa. Department of Kannada and Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan will hoist the Kannada flag. Sugama Sangeetha Parishat Mysuru District Vice-President Gangadharappa, Secretary Siribalu and Media Advisor N. Bette Gowda will be present.

On the same occasion, Parishat will confer 2024 Kannada Rajyotsava Awards on Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru District President Maddikere Gopal, Senior Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar, Senior Sugama Sangeetha singer Prof. S. Mallanna, poet Jayappa Honnali, keyboardist Ganesh Bhatt and singer Jayaram Raju.

Mysore Jayaram, Prof. A.D. Srinivas, N. Bette Gowda, Rajesh Padiyar, David, Indrani Anantharamu, Rashmi Chikkamagalur, Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, Sinchana, Sridhar, Jai Raj and Raviraj will present the musical programme. They will be accompanied by Deepak, Indusekhar, Pradeep Kiggle, Roshan Surya and Vincent in live music.

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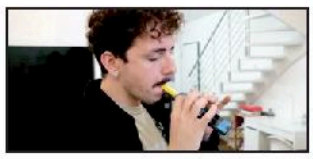
NEWS SPARKLERS

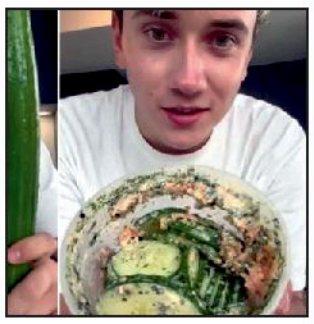
Smart phone as musical instrument



Milan: The Zefiro is a clever little MIDI controller that plugs into the USB-C port of your smartphone essentially turning it into a playable musical instrument.

Developed by Italian startup ARTinoise, the Zefiro is one of the most ingenious gadgets seen in quite a while. The small, colourful mouthpiece may look like a vape, but it's actually a lot more than that. It's a MIDI controller that plugs into your smartphone's charge port and relies on an app to turn the handheld into a variety of playable instruments, from the humble flute, to violins and even fantasy sounds. Equipped with lip sensors and an air pressure sensor, the Zefiro sends breath power data directly to the dedicated app, which is then used to adjust the volume, length and harmonics of the sound. Keys or air holes are displayed on the screen of the smartphone, so you can effectively play the instrument with your fingers, as you low into the mouthpiece.

Cucumber shortage Vs TikTok craze



Reykjavík (Iceland): A Canadian TikTok creator whose viral cucumber salad recipes have received millions of views and shares are being blamed for a shortage of the vegetable in Iceland. TikTok creator Logan Moffitt, who shares videos with his 6 million followers under the username "@LogagM," started making cucumber salad content in July. He said that he suspects his videos are popular because they're "super-simple, easy-to-follow and fast recipes," he said via email.

While many of his cucumber salad variations are inspired by Asian foods, Moffitt said he's been inspired to transform other foods into salads, too.

According to reports, the popular recipes are partly to blame for a shortage of cucumbers in Iceland.

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Veena concert on Sunday

Vidu.Vasundhara Vid.Rupanagudi

Mysuru, Nov. 23-Vidu.Vasundhara Kikkeri, now settled in Dallas, US, will be presenting a Veena concert on Sunday (Nov. 24) at the residence of Sri Mysore Vasudevacharya in city. She will be supported by Vid. Rupanagudi Ratna Teja on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching. The concert, scheduled to start at 10.30 am, is open to all music-lovers.

Vidu. Vasundhara, born to a family of music connoisseurs from Bengaluru, started her Karnatak vocal training under Dr. R.A. Ramamani. She then started her Veena training as a disciple of Dr. Suma Sudhindra. She has also learnt under Dr. Chittibabu and Chitravina N Ravikiran.

She has performed widely in the US and in India; participated in fusion music festival in Cincinnati and October Fest in Bloomington and performed with Jazz Players such as Rick Van Matre and drum player Glen Velez.

Vid. Ratna Teja, who earlier learnt under Ashok Gurujale and Peri Sree Rammurthy, is currently under the tutelage of Dr. Mysore Manjunath. He has accompanied senior artistes on various occasions.

Vid. Ramanujam and Vid. Ramesh, are senior percussionists in the city, with over four decades of stage experience.

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Frequent accidents near MUDA Commissioner's residence

Sir,

I wish to express my growing concern over the alarming rise in accidents near the MUDA Commissioner's residence, close to Cauvery School in Kuvempunagar. The primary issue stems from the poorly maintained road dividers along this stretch. These dividers, lacking proper reflectors, become nearly invisible to motorists at night due to the glare of oncoming traffic. Furthermore, their misalignment poses unexpected obstacles.

Even when initially set in place, they often shift due to heavy rains and constant traffic vibrations, as they are not securely anchored to the road.

Despite multiple inspections by the traffic Police and repeated complaints to the Mysuru City Corporation, no corrective action has been taken. This negligence is now compromising public safety, particularly for vehicles travelling after dark.

I strongly urge the authorities to address this issue without delay by: Installing reflectors on the dividers; Realigning and securely anchoring them; Conducting regular inspections to maintain road safety.

Timely intervention will not only prevent future accidents but also restore a sense of safety and security for all road users.

— **Abhijith Deshakulkarni**
Mysuru
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Corrections and Clarifications

Modi's Challenges: A Rejoinder

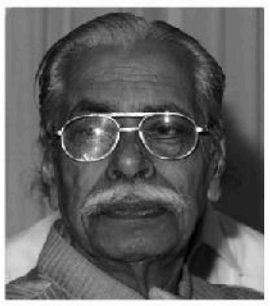
Nehru cannot be Spared!

In the article titled ***"Modi's Challenges: A Rejoinder — Nehru cannot be Spared!"*** by R. Chandra Prakash, published in *Star of Mysore* dated Nov. 22 on page-6, the last paragraph was inadvertently missed out. It may please be read as follows:

*"It is their damaging impact on the national scenario which is a real challenge a patriot and an honest leader, Modi faces. However, K.B. Ganapathy, in his Abracadabra titled **"Modi must put India House in order before he leaves Office"** (SOM dated Nov. 19 and 20), is spot on when he quotes former US President Ronald Reagan, who told his Senators that the government is not the solution to their problem, but the government itself is the problem. But, in Modi's case his government is not the Problem but the Solution."*

The error is regretted.—**Ed**

5th Year Remembrance



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Sri Ramanuja Vishwa Vijayotsava in Bengaluru tomorrow

Over 2,000 devotees from Mysuru to participate

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (BS)- With the slogan 'Namma Nade Ramanujara Kadege,' Sri Ramanuja Vishwa Vijayotsava has been organised at Tripura Vasini premises, Bangalore Palace Ground, tomorrow.

Convener of the Vijayotsava Committee Yoganarasimha (Murali), offered *puja* at Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple on Kalidasa Road in the city yesterday, wishing for the success of the event.

Chanting of vedic hymns as part of Vijayotsava will begin with the blowing of 108 conches. The programme will be led by Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Ramanuja Jeeyar, under the aegis of Akhila Karnataka Sri Vaishnava Mahasabha. As a prelude, religious rituals will be conducted as per Sri Vaishnava tradition.

Yoganarasimha said, the Mahasabha is in the forefront of finding suitable solutions for the grievances related to Sri Vaishnava community, by bringing them to the notice of the Government. The Mahasabha intends to bring all the sub-sects under one roof towards achieving academic progress.

Over 2,000 devotees from Mysuru and more than 80,000 from various nook and corner of the State will be participating in the programme.

President of Priests Association Vidwan Krishnamurthy, General Secretary of Mysuru District Brahmins Yuva Vedike Vikram Iyengar, Chakrapanai, Balaji, Anand, Shantharam and Parthasarathy were present.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Annual Meeting

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Siddartha Kshmabhivrudhi Sangha, located at Ramakrishnanagar E&F Block, will be held tomorrow (Nov. 24) at Souharda Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha on 4th Main, Dakshineshwara Road in Ramakrishanagar, at 10.30 am. Sangha President Dr. Hiriyanna will preside.

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works at Jwalamukhi Feeder of South Power Distribution Centre, there will be disruption in power supply in the following areas on Nov. 25 between 10 am and 6 pm: Bandipalya, Hosahundi, Yeligehundi, Gudumadanahalli, Hadajana village, Prashant Chaya Layout, Alanahalli Ring Road and surrounding areas, according to a release from the CESC Executive Engineer, NR Mohalla Division.

Calling entrepreneurs

Under the SCSP-04 and TSP-02 Scheme, the Department of Handlooms and Textiles has invited applications from interested entrepreneurs belonging to SC/ST communities for setting up Small and Micro Industries related to Textiles. The prescribed application forms can be obtained from the Department office located in CTI building on Sayyaji Rao Road and the same must be returned along with necessary documents before Dec. 15. [Ph: 0821-2441353]

Loan application

Under the PMSVANidhi scheme of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the Skill Development Department has invited online applications from eligible street vendors coming under the limits of Hootagalli CMC and Bogadi, Srirampura, Rammanahalli and Kadakola TMC limits for availing limited Bank loans at low rate of interest. The eligible street vendors can apply at their nearest CSC Computer Centre by producing their KYC documents. The applications can be filed online — ***https://pmsvanidhi.mohua.gov.in/***

Coaching class

Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shilpa Nag will inaugurate the 30-day coaching class for KAS exams organised by KSOU's Competitive Exams Coaching Centre, Muktagangothri, at 11 am on Nov. 25. State Finance Dept. Deputy Project Director Mohammed Haris Sumair, a 2021 batch IAS officer, will deliver a talk on preparing for the exam. Additional DC P. Shivaraju will be the chief guest. KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse will preside. [Ph: 0821-2515944]

After failing to collect Rs. 64 lakh lease rent…

MUDA calls fresh tenders for Nalwadi Convention Hall

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (RK&BCT)- A scam within the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), involving illegal allotments of high-value sites worth thousands of crores of rupees under the controversial 50:50 scheme, continues to unravel and is under investigation.

Adding to the controversy, it has now come to light that MUDA officials failed to collect outstanding lease rent amounting to Rs. 64,11,472 from the Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Convention Hall in Hebbal, a MUDA property.

The City Improvement Trust Board (CITB) originally constructed a convention hall popularly known as the 'CITB Choultry' on Dr. Ambarish Road, Hebbal 2nd Stage, Outer Ring Road. After CITB transitioned into MUDA, the authority built a fully equipped convention hall named Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Convention Hall at a cost of Rs. 5.5 crore.

Despite high public demand for hosting auspicious events such as weddings and engagements in this east-facing Kalyana Mantapa, MUDA officials, instead of managing and renting the hall directly, leased it out for five years at a fixed annual rent.

Leased out in 2018

On Oct. 25, 2018, the hall was leased for Rs. 36 lakh per year to contractor S. Siddarajappa, owner of Bengaluru-based Sarkar Constructions, located at 7th 'A' Cross, Tavarekere Road, BTM Layout 1st Stage, Bengaluru.

As per the agreement, Siddarajappa was required to pay Rs. 36 lakh annually to MUDA. However, after making the initial payment for the first year, he defaulted on subsequent payments, citing business losses.

The agreement included the transfer of a fully operational convention hall to the contractor, equipped with electricity, underground drainage, drinking water connections, a solar system and ten heavy-duty industrial fans, each valued at Rs. 50,000.

Rs. 1.5 lakh rent per wedding

Paying only Rs. 36 lakh annually to MUDA as lease rent, Siddarajappa collected Rs. 1.5 lakh per wedding event held at the convention hall. He managed the maintenance by paying for electricity, water and underground drainage charges himself. The contractor also provided cooking utensils, gas and dining Hall furniture. The Hall was in high demand, with weddings taking place almost daily throughout the year. On non-wedding days, the hall was rented out for sales expos on a per-day basis, generating additional revenue.

Rs. 64,11,472 outstanding rent

Despite earning consistently, Siddarajappa cited the COVID-19 pandemic as an excuse to extend the lease by an additional year. The extended lease period ended on March 6, 2024. However, Siddarajappa has failed to pay Rs. 64,11,472 in outstanding rent to MUDA.

Despite being issued two notices by former MUDA Secretary G.D. Shekhar on March 20 and June 5, 2024, to clear the outstanding lease rent, Siddarajappa paid no heed. Even after the Court dismissed his writ petition seeking an extension, he failed to make the payment.

10 fans missing

MUDA officials have taken possession of the Convention Hall from the defaulting contractor due to his failure to pay the outstanding rent. However, it has been reported that 10 heavy-duty industrial fans, each valued at Rs. 50,000, installed in the Hall are now missing.

Fresh tender invited

MUDA officials have dropped efforts to recover the Rs. 64,11,472 outstanding lease rent from the former contractor and have not initiated action despite the missing fans and other items. Legal advisors have pointed out that the lack of a detailed list of equipment in the agreement has made pursuing legal action difficult.

Now, the MUDA Superintendent Engineer has invited tenders via the e-Procurement Portal to lease the Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Convention Hall for five years, with a minimum annual rent of Rs. 40 lakh.

Rajayogini no more

Seethalakshmi Behenji

Mysuru, Nov. 23- Rajayogini Seethalakshmi Behenji (75), Chief Convenor of Gayathripuram Seva Kendra of Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, passed away here last night.

She had served Brahma Kumaris institution for 50 years as a Convenor and Educator at Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Madikeri and Chamarajanagar Seva Kendras.

Her body was kept at Om Shanti Retreat Centre (ORC) in Lingadevarakoppal on Hunsur Road this morning for the public to pay their last respects, following which her last rites were performed at Hootagalli Crematorium.

MUDA 50:50 site scam

HC Division Bench to hear CM's appeal on Dec. 5

Kesare land owner J. Devaraju's plea too to be heard by High Court on Dec. 5

Bengaluru, Nov. 23 (Agencies)- The Karnataka High Court's Division Bench will hear on Dec. 5 an appeal challenging its Single-Judge Bench's decision upholding the Governor's sanction for prosecuting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah over alleged irregularities in obtaining alternative sites from the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) for his wife, B.M. Parvathi.

During yesterday's proceedings, the Division Bench, headed by Chief Justice N.V. Anjaria, was approached by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta via video conference, who sought a rescheduling of the hearing. "The hearing is scheduled for November 23, but I have a private event on that day. I request that the hearing be deferred," Mehta stated.

Senior Advocate Prof. Ravivarma Kumar, representing Siddaramaiah, responded, "The Solicitor General, representing the Governor in this case, has already completed his arguments, which we have challenged. While he is a formal respondent in this matter, we have no objection to rescheduling. However, we request the Court to hear our arguments and issue an interim order."

Chief Justice Anjaria clarified, "We are yet to review the case details. Issuing an interim order without hearing the arguments is not feasible. Present your submissions, and we will decide on the matter."

Senior Supreme Court Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, also appearing for Siddaramaiah via video conference, added, "I will be in Bengaluru on Nov. 23 to present my arguments, but the final decision rests with the Court."

Following these submissions, the Bench rescheduled the hearing for Dec. 5.

Additionally, the Bench has postponed the hearing of an appeal filed by the original land owner J. Devaraju. In 2004, Devaraju sold the land under Survey No. 464, Kesare, to B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy, Siddaramaiah's brother-in-law, who later gifted it to his sister, Parvathi. This hearing, initially slated for Nov. 23, will now also take place on Dec. 5.

Obituary

C.N. Guruswamy

Mysuru, Nov. 23- C.N. Guruswamy (44), a resident of Vijayanagar 4th Stage in city, passed away yesterday following heart attack.

A native of Chikkati in Gundlupet taluk, he leaves behind his mother, wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Guruswamy was serving as the Personal Assistant of senior JD(S) leader T. Somu. Last rites were performed at his native village Chikkati this afternoon.

'Educational Leader of the Year Award'

Mysuru, Nov. 23- Jayachandra Raju Pathapati, Chairman and Founder of Global Education Trust – Daksha College, Mysuru, was honoured with 'Educational Leader of the Year Award' at Asian Education Conclave-2024 in Thailand recently.

This Asian Education Award recognises Jayachandra Raju's dedication to education, embodied through his leadership of Daksha College, which is a beacon of academic and research excellence in Mysuru.

The College offers Pre-University (PUC) Integrated courses in Science and Commerce, to Under-graduate (B.Com, BBA, BCA), Post-graduate (MBA, MCA) and also a Research Centre for Commerce and Management.

Jayachandra Raju Pathapati, Chairman and Founder of Global Education Trust - Daksha College, Mysuru, who was honoured as Educational Leader of the Year at Asian Education Conclave-2024 in Thailand recently, seen with the panel of judges Dr. Sanjiv Chakraborthy - India, Dr. Margaret Davitt Maughan - USA and Dr. Maurice Kenneth Dimmock - UK.

After receiving the award, Jayachandra Raju said: "This award is a testament to the hard work of our dedicated team and students. At Daksha College, we are committed to providing an education that not only meets the highest academic standards but also prepares our students to excel globally. Our objective is to realise the dreams of parents of students from rural regions in positioning their children internationally in this competitive global village. I am confident that our team of dedicated teachers and academicians will meet the challenges in achieving this goal."

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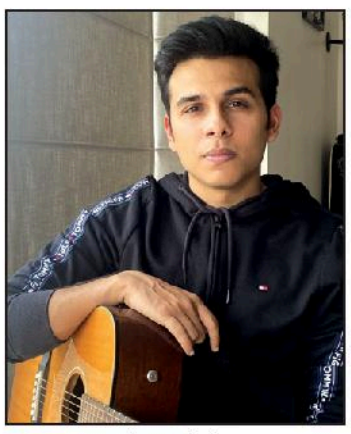
CASA BACARDÍ on Tour in Mysuru this evening, features Anuv Jain

Mysuru, Nov. 23- After the success of Season 3, with events hosted in 8 cities with 5 incredible artistes and 24,000 attendees, CASA BACARDÍ on Tour, presented by BACARDÍ Experiences, is back with Season 4.

The highly-anticipated **CASA BACARDÍ on Tour** is all set to bring the soulful energy of the legend in independent music, **Anuv Jain,** to the city of Mysuru today (Nov. 23). The event will take place from 5 pm onwards at Mysore Union in Hebbal.

Speaking about the event, Mahesh Kanchan, Marketing Director, Bacardi India Pvt. Ltd., said, "We're really thrilled to bring Anuv Jain to Mysuru for the first time ever. With Anuv Jain trending among Gen Z, it was the perfect moment to bring him closer to his fans here. The response has been absolutely phenomenal since we announced the event."

Anuv Jain is best described as "a singer-songwriter for every human experience."



Anuv Jain

The 29-year-old Anuv Jain from Ludhiana went from being an online sensation to becoming one of the biggest indie-music stars in the world.

He had his breakout moment when he released the studio version of 'Baarishein,' which allows him to enjoy a cult following who have popularised his songs on every acoustic playlist. The song has surpassed 700 million streams across streaming platforms. Anuv has enjoyed international success with 'Husn' receiving over 500M+ streams across platforms.

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'Abhivyakthi Habba-24' today, tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 23- As part of its 'Abhivyakthi Habba-24,' Abhivyakthi Trust, Mysuru, has organised the following events at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar here on Nov. 23 and 24 at 6.15 pm.

Nov. 23: 'Navollasa,' a Bharatanatyam recital by artistes of Abhivyakthi. Pramati Hillview Academy Principal C.S. Sudarshana will be the chief guest.

Nov. 24: 'Nrityollasa,' a Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Meera Sreenarayanan from Mumbai.

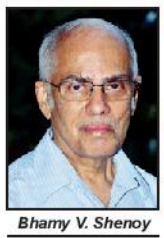
Workshop

Also, as part of the Fest, 'Nrityonati,' a 3-day Bharatanatyam Workshop by Vidu. Meera Sreenarayanan has been organised at Sri Jayalakshmidevi College premises in Ramakrishnanagar from Nov. 25 to 27. For details, contact Mob: 74060-56096, according to a press release from Abhivyakthi Trust Director V. Suhasini Koulagi.

Vidu. Meera Sreenarayanan

A *Goshale* atop Chamundi Hill: NGO protests

By Bhamy V. Shenoy



Bhamy V. Shenoy

A recent development on Chamundi Hill — **establishing a 'Goshale' (cow shelter) on 1.475 acres of land** behind the *Dasoha* Bhavan building by a private entity — has raised concerns.

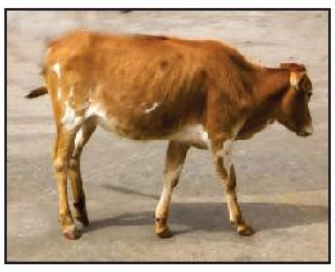
Videos and photographs posted by NGOs on social media show levelling of vast ground, reportedly by felling trees and shrubs, exposing the indifference of authorities responsible for preserving Chamundi Hill's ecological balance.

Regardless of whether trees were felled or the land is privately owned, no development should occur in an environmentally sensitive area like Chamundi Hill without proper environmental clearance. Being close to a reserve forest, the area demands special care to prevent unauthorised activities.

The pressing question is: When several authorities, including the Forest Department (to protect biodiversity and the reserve forest), the Chamundi Hill Gram Panchayat (to enforce building by-laws and environmental regulations), the newly-formed Sri Chamundeshwari Kshetra Development Authority (to maintain the Hill and its sacred structures and environs) and the District Administration headed by the Deputy Commissioner (to preserve the environment), exist, why has no one acted?

It was only after NGOs began raising inconvenient questions that these authorities started defending their inaction. Their justifications expose why Mysuru's rich and iconic heritage is often treated as an orphan despite having several so-called custodians.

The **Sri Chamundeshwari Kshetra Development Authority** was specifically established to oversee the development and maintenance of the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple and Chamundi Hill in Mysuru taluk, Mysuru district. Its silence on this issue is telling.



What does "developing and maintaining Chamundi Hill" truly imply? At its core, it should mean ensuring that no unauthorised development takes place.

Did the developers of the 'Goshale' secure the necessary permits and clearances? The Member-Secretary of Sri Chamundeshwari Kshetra Development Authority claims the land is private property and thus beyond their jurisdiction.

Purpose of statutory body

If this is indeed the case, one must ask: Why was the Sri Chamundeshwari Kshetra Development Authority Act enacted in the first place? Was it merely to control temple funds? This is far from the intent NGOs had when advocating for the Authority's formation — truly a sad state of affairs.

Equally baffling is the Chamundi Hill GP Panchayat Development Officer's (PDO) assertion that, since the land is private, they have no information about the development.

Shouldn't they be proactive, at the very least, by inquiring with the owners about such activities? Their passivity raises serious questions, and even now, it remains unclear whether they will act.

Three years ago, under an RTI request, the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) sought information from the Panchayat regarding constructions of shops, houses and restaurants on Chamundi Hill over the preceding decade.

The response stated that no permissions were granted. If so, why haven't they taken action against the violators? Even now, NGOs report ongoing construction on the Hill, which has already exceeded its carrying capacity. Who is responsible for halting these violations, and why hasn't action been taken?

A glaring collective failure

The neglect of the authorities, despite being vested with statutory powers, is glaring. The GP failed to take decisive action on this issue.

Similarly, Sri Chamundeshwari Kshetra Development Authority, specifically formed to oversee and safeguard the Hill and its temple precincts, has done little to uphold its mandate. The Authority's claim that private land development is beyond its jurisdiction raises fundamental questions about its purpose and effectiveness. This negligence is compounded by the District Administration's indifference.

Unfortunately, unless NGOs and socially active citizens persistently pressurise authorities, our beloved Chamundi Hill risks being irreparably lost to future generations.

Congress Wins all 3 Seats

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This also meant that JD(S) State Youth President Nikhil had suffered a hat-trick of defeats in the elections after losing 2019 Lok Sabha Polls from Mandya, 2023 Assembly Polls from Ramanagara and 2024 Assembly By-Poll from Channapatna.

Meanwhile, it was a joyous moment for C.P. Yogeshwar, who managed to comeback strongly after suffering loss in the two previous Assembly elections against H.D. Kumaraswamy in Channapatna. Through this victory, Yogeshwar was elected for the sixth time to Karnataka Legislative Assembly from the same Constituency. Earlier, he had won as an independent (1999), twice from Congress Party (2004 and 2008), once from Samajwadi Party (2011 by-poll), once from BJP (2013 by-election) and now once again on a Congress ticket (2024 by-poll). With rumours about a possible cabinet reshuffle making rounds in the political circles, Yogeshwar would be keen to be part of the new Cabinet.

BJP loses Shiggaon

Meanwhile, BJP suffered a shocking defeat in Shiggaon Assembly segment, with Congress party's Yasir Ahmed Khan Pathan defeating BJP's Bharath Bommai, son of former CM Basavaraj Bommai, by a margin of 13,418 votes. While Yasir Ahmed secured 1,00,587 votes, Bharath Bommai polled 86,960 votes. Earlier, in the 2023 Assembly Polls, former CM and now Haveri MP Basavaraj Bommai had won by margin of 35,978 votes against Yasir Pathan. In fact, Shiggaon had turned out to be a strong bastion for the BJP with Basavaraj Bommai emerging victorious for four consecutive times since 2008 Assembly Polls. Basavaraj Bommai had to vacate his Assembly seat after being elected to Lok Sabha from Haveri in the 2024 General Elections.

Many of the political pundits and media agencies had predicted that BJP would retain the Shiggaon seat after Congress leader Syed Azeempeer Khadri had turned a rebellion by filing his nomination as an independent candidate. However, Housing and Waqf Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, who intervened, was successful to bring Azeempeer Khadri and Yasir Pathan together and work for the party's victory.

Congress has the last laugh in Sandur

The by-poll in Sandur (Ballari district) Assembly segment which was expected to be a close fight between Congress party's Annapoorna Tukaram, wife of Ballari MP E. Tukaram and BJP's Bangaru Hamunanthu, a close aide of Gangavathi MLA G. Janardhan Reddy. However, Annapoorna Tukaram won the by-poll by a margin of 9,568 votes. While the Congress candidate polled a total of 93,051 votes, BJP candidate secured 83,483 votes. The by-election to Sandur Assembly segment was necessitated after E. Tukaram, who was elected in 2023 Assembly Polls, had to vacate the seat following his election to Lok Sabha from Ballari in the 2024 General Elections.

NDA leads in Maharashtra

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Uddhav Thackeray lost his CM's position due to a split in his party in 2022 and his faction has been eager to prove its strength in Assembly polls. Eknath Shinde, his key rival, has gained popularity thanks to welfare measures under Mahayuti Government. Trends so far indicate Shinde has outpaced the Thackerays, particularly in the race over who represents Balasaheb Thackeray's legacy.

The NCP has also been impacted by a split, with Ajit Pawar joining the ruling alliance as Dy.CM in July last year. His uncle, Sharad Pawar, has campaigned fiercely to protect his long-standing political legacy.

The Congress faces immense pressure in Maharashtra after its poor performance in the Haryana assembly polls earlier this year, where the BJP secured its third consecutive victory.

JMM-led alliance leads in Jharkhand

In Jharkhand, the ruling Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)-led alliance is relying on its governance and promises, while NDA is banking on the Centre's performance.

Early trends showed JMM alliance crossing halfway mark, with CM Hemant Soren leading from Barhait, while his wife Kalpana trailed in Gandey Constituency. BJP has targeted JMM-led alliance, criticising its performance and raising issues like infiltration and tribal rights.

Trends at 1 pm show I.N.D.I.A. maintaining its lead, with JMM alliance taking lead in 31 seats, Congress in 14, RJD in 4 seats and CPI (M-L) in 2, taking the alliance total close to majority mark at 51. Meanwhile, BJP is coasting solo, leading in 26 seats, with other alliance partners leading in 1 seat each.

Priyanka Gandhi leads in Wayanad

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Of the 9.52 lakh votes polled, the Wayanad district Congress leadership estimates close to six lakh votes for her. Its estimates for LDF candidate Sathyan Mokeri and BJP candidate Navya Haridas are close to two lakh and one lakh votes, respectively

Rahul Gandhi was elected from this seat for the first time in 2019, which allowed him to remain a Lok Sabha member despite losing in Amethi. In 2024, he contested from both Wayanad and Raebareli, left vacant by his mother Sonia Gandhi after she moved to Rajya Sabha. Having won both the seats, he decided to keep Raebareli and let his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra contest from Wayanad.

Integrated development of Mysuru

District Minister chairs meeting at ZP Hall

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (BLU&DM)- District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa chaired a meeting at ZP Hall in city this morning on integrated development of Mysuru in the next 50 years, taking into consideration the rising population and with it the pressures on infrastructure development.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa (5th from right) chairing a meeting on 'Integrated development of Mysuru' at ZP Hall in city this morning.

Addressing the meeting, Dr. Mahadevappa said that suggestions from members of the public have been invited on preparing an action plan for Mysuru's development in the next 50 years.

Pointing out that the population of Mysuru city is growing by the day enormously, he said that lack of a planned and well-knit action plan will severely inconvenience the citizens in the coming years.

He stressed on the need for better and wholesome co-ordination between TMCs, CMCs and the MCC for planned development of Mysuru taking into consideration the next 50 years of growth.

NR MLA Tanveer Sait, in his address, said that the vision of the erstwhile Mysore Maharajas was mainly responsible for the city's growth over the years.

Stating that the three CDPs (Comprehensive Development Plans) prepared lacked clarity, he said that none of the CDPs matched the other. Calling for a complete revision of the CDP, the MLA called for a plan of action for distribution of funds for all the 65 MCC Wards.

He also took strong objection for permitting more than 8 Layouts in Chamundi Hill surroundings. He also wondered what all had happened to Mysuru Agenda Task Force.

Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) Founder Dr. Bhamy V. Shenoy demanded formation of Ward Committees for transparency. Calling for a proper co-ordination between Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and Government Departments, he said that those who prepared the CDP earlier were not experts.

Stating that appointment of experts who have a thorough knowledge of urban development should be part of the CDP preparation, he stressed on the need for a plan of action for whatever initiatives that the MCC and other authorities come up with.

Former Mayor R. Lingappa bemoaned that the authorities seemed to have forgotten the past city Mayors in chalking out Dasara programmes this year.

Suresh Kumar Jain of Mysore Industries Association (MIA) urged for formation of Industrial Town Authority for faster industrial growth of the city.

Former Mayor B.K. Prakash opined that generation of resources was key for meeting sewage, sanitation, waste collection and other civic amenities challenges, with the city growing fast in all the four directions.

Activist Ugra Narasimhegowda wanted the Government not to give sanction for Private Layouts around the city. Arguing that MUDA should form Layouts and distribute sites to the waiting and deserving applicants, he demanded that bus stands be constructed in all four directions of the city.

Contending that such an idea will de-congest the city, he suggested that Bio-Gas Plants be set up for manufacturing organic manure using 500 Tonnes of wet wastes collected daily in the city.

Heritage expert Prof. Rangaraju said that 18 prominent roads of the city have been identified as heritage roads. Taking strong objection for construction of commercial complexes along these roads, he said that this must stop, as otherwise, Mysuru will lose its heritage character and identity. He also wanted clearing of encroachments on 16 Rajakaluves of the city.

Historian Prof. Nanjaraj Urs expressed concern that more economic development of Mysuru will result in the city losing its heritage sheen.

Stressing on the need for saving the rich heritage of Mysuru that has been maintained for centuries, he also expressed concern over the developments going on atop Chamundi Hill.

Asserting that there is no other heritage city like Mysuru in the entire State, he bemoaned the environmental deterioration of Karanji Lake and Kukkarahalli Lake over the years.

He also warned against making Mysuru a wholly commercial city just like other mega cities in the country, as it would destroy the very identity of the city, which is known as the 'City of Palaces.'

Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy cautioned the authorities against handing over more Residential Layouts and Extensions to MCC as maintenance will become all the more difficult due to lack of funds. He also wanted preparation of a new DPR for overall growth and infrastructure development of Mysuru and allocation of money for the same.

Many other residents of the city too came up with their views and suggestions on how Mysuru should be developed in the next 50 years.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh, MLAs G.T. Devegowda & K. Harishgowda, MLCs Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, Dr. D. Thimmaiah, A.H. Vishwanath & K. Vivekananda and others were present at the meeting.

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Financial aid under Vidyasiri to be hiked to Rs. 2,000

CM presents Pratibha Puraskar during Kanaka Jayanti

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (SBD&DM)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that the monthly financial assistance to students under 'Vidyasiri' scheme will be hiked to Rs.2,000 from the existing Rs.1,500.

He was speaking at the Pratibha Puraskar and felicitation programme organised by Sri Kanakadasa Jayantyotsava Samiti as part of Kanaka Jayanti at Kanaka Bhavan in Siddarthanagar here yesterday.

Asking the students not to practise casteism, Siddaramaiah said that the younger generations should come to the help of the downtrodden, exploited and oppressed communities.

Pointing out that great saints like Kanakadasa and Basavanna strived for building an egalitarian society, the CM said that casteism has still prevailed because the Backward Classes are lacking in academic, economic and social strength.

"Casteism has prevailed because of a few vested interests who want the class system to exist. Castesim will vanish if everyone is economically, academically and socially empowered. Kuvempu has said that people are born 'Vishwamanava', but will gradually become 'Alpamanava'. We should always think about being Vishwamanava in the true sense," the CM said.

Stating that there is some sort of talent in everyone, he said that talent is not the asset of anyone. "One will come to the forefront if his/her talent is recognised and encouraged. Swami Vivekananda had said that unearthing the hidden talent in everyone is the real education. Those who get education must inculcate discipline and principles," he noted.

Stressing on the need for making life purposeful between birth and death, Siddaramaiah said he was satisfied with the way he came up in his 78 years of life.

Stating that scoring 95 percent marks is not easy, he said that anything can be achieved by determination and dedication.

"I was also a topper until SSLC. But I slipped in my academics, passing out PUC and B.Sc in second class. This may be because I changed over to English medium from Kannada medium. But it is important that I did not fail in any exams," he said.

Responding to the demand of Kanakadasa Jayantyotsava Samiti for installing a statue of Kanakadasa in the city, Siddaramaiah said he has directed District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa to find a suitable location for the same.

International Yoga exponent Prakash, Shooter Chaitra, sportsperson D. Sinchana and Meghana, who bagged three Gold Medals in M.Sc (Statistics) were felicitated on the occasion.

Also, Pratibha Puraskar was presented to meritorious students who scored high marks in SSLC and PUC in the past two years.

Kaginele Kanaka Gurupeetha Shakha Mutt Seer Shivanandapuri Swamiji graced the occasion.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, KEA Chairman Ayub Khan, KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana, former MLAs H.P. Manjunath and M.K. Somashekar and others were present.

Greater Good Teens Talk tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 23- The Greater Good Teens (GGT) Talk-2024 has been organised at Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently-Abled in city tomorrow (Nov. 24) from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

This free event is open to the public and is organised by a dedicated team of volunteers.

Founded by Reena Sonigrah in 2017, GGT aims to enhance teen well-being through collective learning and sharing as part of a social good initiative.

Initially, it began as a life skills training workshop for students and within a year, due to great response from many K-12 Schools in Mysuru and Bengaluru, GGT Talk was launched in 2018.

Over the past four events, nearly 100 speakers from USA, Italy, UK, Australia and India have participated in this well-being-oriented public speaking platform.

Last year's event was well-received, supporting the Global Forum for Adolescents and the 1.8 Billion Young People for Change Campaign, co-ordinated by PMNCH (Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health) and hosted by WHO (World Health Organisation).

This year, young participants from Mysuru and Bengaluru, including those from differently-abled and mainstream schools and colleges, will share their insights, creativity and experiences. For details, contact Mob: 99807-70875, according to a press release.

Vidyarthi Run-2024

Mysuru, Nov. 23- Hari Vidyalaya, Mysuru, has organised the 3rd Edition of 'Vidyarthi Run-2024' tomorrow (Nov. 24) from its Campus in Bogadi at 6 am.

Cash prizes, medals, certificates and exclusive T-shirts will be given for participants.

For details, contact Mob: 80954-44056 or 94498-09181.

SVYM - CSR Familiarisation Programme on Nov. 29

C.K. Venkataraman

Mysuru, Nov. 23- C.K. Venkataraman, Managing Director of Titan Company Limited, Bengaluru and his team members will be organising a CSR Familiarisation Programme for Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) in Mysuru on Nov. 29.

During the day-long visit, C.K. Venkataraman and team will visit Vivekananda Institute for Leadership Development (V-LEAD), Vivekananda Institute of Indian Students (VIIS), Mysuru; Inaugurate home-based biogas plants at Jompanahalli; Interact with Chips Making Unit team at Annurhaadi;Visit Vivekananda Memorial Hospital, Viveka School of Excellence, Janadhwani - Community Radio Station (SVYM Saragur); Viveka Rural Livelihood Centre (VRLC) at Kenchanahalli; Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning (VTCL) at Hosahalli and VTCL's 35th School Day function.

Jashne Rasool-e-Azam and Jashne Ghouse Azam celebration tonight

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (KS)- Jashne Eid Meelad-un-Nabi SAS and Jashne Ghouse Azam celebrations, organised by the office-bearers of Imam Ali Shaer-e-Khuda Committee, near Masjid Khair-ul-Wara at Rajivnagar 2nd Stage will be held today at 8 pm opposite to Masjid Khair-ul-Wara Ahle Sunnath-wo-Jamath in Rajivnagar 2nd Stage.

Hazrath Allama Moulana Shamshire Raza and Hazarath Moulana Ahmed Raza Noorie will speak about Prophet Muhammad and Azmath Aowliya Allaha. Hazarath Moulana Qari Ehsan Raza from Uttar Pradesh will also participate.

Separate seating has been arranged for ladies. After the programme, Fatha Khawni and Darud-o-Salam will be performed and the Management has arranged dinner and breakfast has been organised at 6 am on Sunday. The office-bearers of Imam Ali Shaer-e-Khuda Committee have urged devotees to attend the programme in large numbers.

Alumni to celebrate 76th NCC Day in city on Sunday

FROM LEFT: ***Joint Treasurer of Alumni of 4 KAR AIR SQN NCC Mysuru Shankar Danagoudru, President Dr. Anil Thomas, Founder and Secretary Uma Venkatesh and Committee Member Lakshmi Vallabha during the press meet held at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city this morning.***

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (GA&BS)- The Alumni of 4 KAR AIR SQN NCC, Mysuru in association with 4 KAR AIR SQN NCC, has organised 76th NCC Day celebrations tomorrow at Hotel Southern Star in the city at 10.30 am.

President of Alumni of 4 KAR AIR SQN NCC, Mysuru, Dr. Anil Thomas told media persons at Pathrakartara Bhavan here this morning that a series of events including a motorcycle rally and tribute to Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa (statue) have been organised as part of the celebrations.

Col. Rohit Thakur will be the chief guest, while Wing Commander Ashish, Commanding Officer of 4 KAR AIR SQN NCC, Mysuru, Group Captain Abhinav Chaturvedi, former Commanding Officer of 4 KAR AIR SQN NCC and founder of Alpha Lead Mysuru, Nagaraju, retired Aero Modelling Instructor and Somender Singh, inventor, thinker and eco-conscious individual will attend as the special guests.

Alumni Flight Lieutenant Punya Nanjappa, the first woman fighter pilot from Mysuru, will be interacting with the NCC cadets.

Earlier, a motorcycle rally will be flagged off from the premises of Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple, Mysore Palace North Gate at 7.15 am, by City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar. The rally will pass through Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle), Basaveshwara Circle, Chamaraja Double Road, Ramaswamy Circle and Hotel Metropole junction.

Uma Venkatesh, Founder and Secretary of Alumni of 4 KAR AIR SQN NCC, Mysuru, Joint Treasurer Shankar Danagoudru and Committee Member Lakshmi Vallabha were present.

Advocate arrested for post against Field Marshal Cariappa, Gen. Thimayya

Mysuru-Kodagu MP, Kodagu Legislators and Kodava Sahitya Academy condemn derogatory remarks

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (BCT)- An advocate from Madikeri, K.R. Vidyadhar, was arrested by the Suntikoppa Police in Kodagu district last evening for posting derogatory comments about Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa, India's first Commander-in-Chief of the Army, and General K.S. Thimayya, a former Chief of Army Staff.

He was produced before the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) Court in Madikeri late last night. After hearing the public prosecutor, the Judge granted conditional bail, leading to Vidyadhar's release.

Vidyadhar, known for his association with several social organisations in Kodagu, allegedly created a fake account under the name 'Srivatsa Bhat' to post objectionable comments. Reports suggest that this account had previously been used to disseminate communal hate messages, but no complaints were filed until now, leaving his identity undiscovered.

The arrest came after various Kodava organisations, including the Bengaluru Kodava Samaja and the Kodagu District BJP, lodged complaints. Acting on these complaints, Kodagu SP K. Ramarajan formed a special team, leading to Vidyadhar's apprehension through a swift operation by the Suntikoppa Police.

The offensive remarks were reportedly made in a WhatsApp group, Saptha Sagara (Kadalu). The Bengaluru Kodava Samaja registered a complaint at the R.T. Nagar Police Station on Nov. 21, while the Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Kodava Okkoota (FMCKO), represented by its President M.K. Uthappa, filed a complaint at the Rajarajeshwari Nagar Police Station.

In Gonikoppa, United Kodava Organisation (UKO) President Kokkalemada Manju filed another complaint, while Chamera Dinesh Belliappa of Kodavaamera Kondata lodged a grievance directly with the Kodagu SP. Cases have been registered under Sections 192, 353(2), and 319 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, with further investigations underway.

The incident drew widespread condemnation. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar issued a strong statement, calling the remarks "utterly unacceptable." He stated, "The sacrifices and contributions of Field Marshal Cariappa and General Thimayya to India's security are unparalleled and deserve the highest respect. I urge the authorities to take strict action against those responsible."

Prominent leaders, including Madikeri MLA Dr. Mantar Gowda, Virajpet MLA A.S. Ponnanna, MLC Suja Kushalappa, and Karnataka Kodava Sahitya Academy President Ajjinikanda Mahesh Nachaiah, also condemned the remarks and called for immediate Police action.

Expo of artefacts, paintings inaugurated

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (PM&BS)- A variety of artefacts representing various art styles, grabbed eyeballs at the exhibition of artefacts organised by Dasara Fine Arts and Handicrafts Sub-Committee of Karnataka Exhibition Authority, at Kannada Karanji building, Dasara Exhibition ground in the city on Wednesday.

The Exhibition Authority has organised the exhibition as part of Dasara-2024, where the art lovers get to witness the creative talent of the artists. The replicas of Silver Jubilee Clock Tower and Mahishasura in a bottle, Mysore style of painting among several others, are sure to leave the visitors spellbound.

Apart from inaugurating the exhibition of artefacts, a painting expo was also inaugurated.

A total of 95 artists have exhibited their works depicting 150 various topics. The idol and painting of Lord Buddha disseminate a message of peace while the art works inside the bottle, created from the deft hands of Venkatesh from Saligrama in the district stand out among the art works. The oil painting from 80-year-old artist R. Venkatesh, a veteran in the realm, attract art buffs.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar inaugurated. MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, KEA Chairman Ayub Khan, President of Dasara Fine Arts and Handicrafts Sub-Committee Showkath Ali Khan and others were present.

Two PG accommodations in city fined for unhygienic conditions

Over 45 PGs inspected by a three-member team of officials from Food Safety and Standards Dept.; food samples sent for Lab test

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (BLU&BS)- Department of Food Safety and Standards has been imposing fine on Paying Guest (PG) accommodations in city, failing to maintain hygiene. Following complaints of unhygienic conditions and sub-standard food at PGs, Food Safety officials have been visiting PGs on surprise inspection from past one week.

A three-member team of officials constituted for the purpose has so far inspected over 45 PGs and levied fine on two PGs for failing to adhere to the standards of hygiene. While one PG was fined Rs. 5,000, another was slapped with Rs. 4,000 fine.

Notices have been issued to some of the PGs, with a warning to initiate stringent action if they fail to take corrective measures. During inspection, it was found that the food provided to inmates was of poor quality and samples of food have been sent for test at laboratory.

Designated Food Safety Officer Dr. S.L. Ravindra said, several PGs in Saraswathipuram, Vijayanagar and other localities were inspected during the drive.

It is learnt, officials of Food Safety have also prepared to conduct surprise checks at Social Welfare Department hostels.

The drive is being conducted as per the instructions of the State Government and the Wardens of those hostels failing to keep the hygiene shall be suggested on the ways to maintain cleanliness on the premises.

The inspection of 31 hostels under Department of Backward Classes Welfare has been completed, followed by a workshop for all the hostel wardens.

PFA Mysuru, WVS Ooty hold horse care camp; treat 89 equines

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (BCT)- People For Animals (PFA) Mysuru, in collaboration with World Veterinary Service (WVS) Ooty, organised their biannual horse care camp on Nov. 19 and 20, providing critical care to 89 horses.

On Nov. 19, 54 horses in Mysuru city received treatments, including vaccinations against tetanus, de-worming and managing conditions like lameness, wounds, respiratory issues and dental problems. The following day, the camp extended its services to Srirangapatna, where 35 horses underwent similar care.

Free supplements and mineral mixtures were distributed to horse and tonga owners to ensure continued health and nutrition for their animals.

The veterinary team comprised Dr. Shivani Jain, Dr. Lohith Guda from WVS and Dr. Lokesh Babu from PFA. Supporting them were Murthy from PFA, PFA volunteer Laurin Sabrowski from Germany, Sam from WVS, and Savitha Nagabhushan. This initiative underscored the importance of equine health.

Open National-level Karate Tournament tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 23- Goju-Ryu Karate Do Academy Karnataka in association with Nehru Yuva Kendra will be organising 7th GKA Open National-level Karate Championship-2024 tomorow (Nov. 24) at Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium in Nazarbad.

The tournament will be inaugurated by Shihan S. Parthiban, Chief Referee and Technical Director. Dhiraj Pawar, President, Union Goju-Ryu Karate-Do Federation of India, will be the chief guest. Abhishek S. Chavare, District Youth Officer, Nehru Yuva Kendra and Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports Assistant Director Bhaskar Naik will be the special guests.

Akhila Karnataka Sports Karate Association Vice-President Kyoshi N. Shankara, Mysuru Karate Association President Sensei S. Deepak Kumar, Karnataka Goju-Ryu Karate-Do Federation President Sensei Kashyapa Brahma, Secretary Sensei Yangaiah Thokala and Karate Instructor and Kannada Rajyotsava Awardee Sensei M. Sosale Siddaraju will be present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Paroxysm

Pronunciation: PAIR-uk-sih-zum (Noun)
Meaning: Paroxysm is a formal word that refers to a sudden strong feeling or uncontrollable expression of emotion. In medical use, paroxysm refers to a sudden attack or increase of symptoms of a disease that often occurs repeatedly.
Origin: Paroxysm didn't just burst onto scene recently; its roots go back to ancient Greek. The word ultimately erupted from the Greek verb paroxynein, which means "to stimulate." (Oxynein, a parent of paroxynein, means "to provoke" & comes from oxys, a Greek word for "sharp.") In its earliest known English uses in 15th century, paroxysm referred to a sudden attack or increase of symptoms of a disease — such as pain, coughing, shaking, etc. — that often occur again and again. This sense is still in use, but paroxysm soon took on a broader and now much more common sense referring to an outburst, especially a dramatic physical or emotional one, as in "paroxysms of rage/laughter/joy/delight/guilt."
Example: "[Danny] Ray was part of [James] Brown's cape routine for 45 years, assisting him on song 'Please, Please, Please.' The Godfather of Soul would collapse in a paroxysm of feigned grief during song, being led away by a solicitous Ray, who draped singer in a cape. Brown would take a few steps, then return to the microphone. Sometimes, they eschewed cape and Brown was merely led away." — Bruce Haring, Deadline, 3 Feb. 2021.

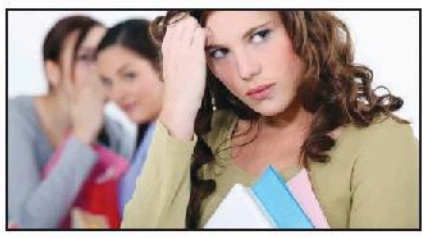
THE ODD WORD

Chrometophobia

Fear of spending money.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A chip on your shoulder



Meaning: When you use the expression 'A chip on your shoulder' you mean someone has a perceived grievance or believes others perceive them to be inferior.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'A chip on your shoulder' refers to a practice seen in America during the 19th century, in which boys spoiling for a fight would place an actual chip of wood on their shoulders before walking around belligerently daring others to knock the chip off.
Example: "You've got a chip on your shoulder if you think Dustin has something against you. He's just a serious person; he never smiles at anyone."

QUOTE BOX

Joy in looking and comprehending is nature's most beautiful gift.

—Albert Einstein

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Ringleader.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Pool for an oread?
5 Slack or loose
8 Spanish home
12 Samoan Port
13 Readily perceived or obvious
15 Senior police officers
17 Concert hall
18 English exclamation (1,3)
19 Inst. Flying Regulations
21 Commerce
24 Hydrotherapy site
27 Position of an inning in cricket when nine wickets are down? (4,3,2)
30 A ___ of rum : alcoholic measure for the sailor?
31 Prefix indicating star or heavenly body
32 Comp. Aided Design
33 Retained winning attributes longer than competitors
35 Grandmaster's rating
36 The betel-nut genus of palms
37 'Ever' for the poet
39 Disorderly crowds of people
41 Mathematical proportion
45 Increasing, intensifying or augmenting
49 Held in high regard
50 Love, to Livy
51 Soviet newsagency
52 Isle of Man
53 Hawaii's state bird

DOWN
1 Mexican pancake
2 As similar as two peas in _ ___? (1,3)
3 Hoar-frost
4 Inland river of northern NSW
5 Vinyl
6 Rough, cindery volcanic discharges
7 42 in Rome
8 ___ Bank : one of the major banks of India?
9 Suspension
10 Camera type
11 Roman bronze - "sea" change ?
14 Architectural style - "ports men do" anagram
16 Able to be pumped up
20 Tabula ____ : clean slate
22 ___ a number : make a telephone call?
23 Internal as a prefix?
24 Grecian portico
25 Rain heavily
26 Endeavours
28 A pen or enclosure for a swine or a pig
29 It might shade you from the sun
34 Ranges or extents
38 ___ Tata : Former chairman of the Tata Group?
40 One of a pair of houses
42 Small ___ : unimportant or petty?
43 Privy to (2,2)
44 Fearsome giant
45 Fix in position
46 North American nation
47 Medium Earth Orbit
48 Genre you might hear at a nightclub

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

C	H	E	F	■	B	L	U	T	■	A	T	O
L	E	N	O	■	O	U	Z	O	■	R	I	D
A	M	I	R	■	C	R	I	M	E	A	N	D
P	A	D	L	O	C	K	■	C	M	C	■	■
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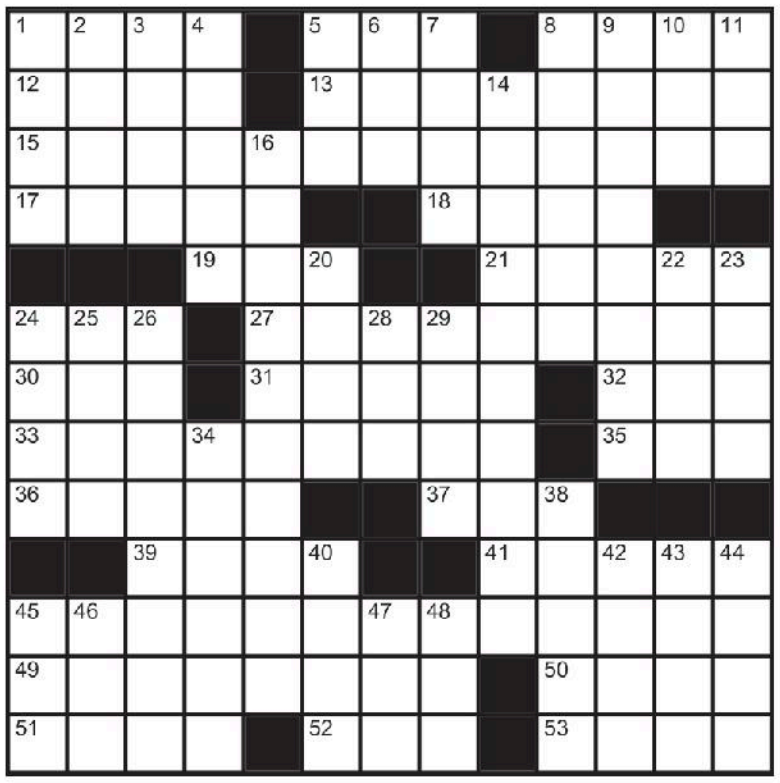

SUDOKU

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8				9				1
		4	5		7	9		
5	8						9	7
	4						1	
1	3						6	4
		8	1		2	5		
7				5				3
			9		4			

Answer to previous puzzle

2	4	6	8	7	5	1	9	3
3	7	8	1	2	9	6	4	5
5	1	9	6	4	3	2	7	8
1	6	3	2	8	7	9	5	4
4	2	7	5	9	1	8	3	6
8	9	5	3	6	4	7	2	1
9	3	4	7	1	6	5	8	2
6	5	2	9	3	8	4	1	7
7	8	1	4	5	2	3	6	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

P CZWE DB D UDEIW UITDSBI

P ENIDL LZSOQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS S

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: One that would have the fruit must climb the tree.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Prabhutva (K) - 2 Shows; *Maryade Prashne (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Zebra (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Kanguva (H) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Bhairathi Ranagal (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Bhairathi Ranagal (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Bagheera (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Sangolli Rayanna (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Viswam (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Karan Arjun 2005 (H) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Amaran (Ta) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Zebra (K)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 7.10 pm
Wicked (E-3D)	(S-1)	1 pm, 4.05 pm
Sookshmadarshini (Ma)	(S-1)	10.20 pm
Maryade Prashne (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Amaran (Ta)	(S-2)	1.05 pm
Aaram Arvindswamy (K)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
I Want To Talk (H)	(S-2)	7.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Hello Mummy (Ma)	(S-3)	10.25 am
Bagheera (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
The Sabarmati Report (H)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Te)	(S-3)	7 pm
Mechanic Rocky (Te)	(S-3)	10 pm
Amaran (Ta)	(S-4)	9.50 am
Bairathi Ranagal (K)	(S-4)	1.05 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm

MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Dvija (K)	(S-1)	11.35 am
Anshu (K)	(S-1)	2 pm
Love Reddy (K)	(S-1)	3.55 pm
Bagheera (K)	(S-1)	6.30 pm
Amaran (Ta)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 1.25 pm, 4.10 pm 6.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Prabhutva (K)	(S-3)	10.25 am
Amaran (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm, 7.45 pm; (S-4) 10.30 am
Tenant (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Zebra (K)	(S-4)	1.40 pm, 6.10 pm
Sookshmadarshini (Ma)	(S-4)	9.15 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Mechanic Rocky (Te)	:	9 am, 3.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Wicked (E-3D)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm, 7 pm, 10.20 pm
Zebra (Te)	:	9.15 am, 6.45 pm
Zebra (K)	:	12.15 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	9.40 am, 11.55 am, 7 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
The Sabarmati Report (H)	:	12.40 pm
Aaram Arvindswamy (K)	:	1.10 pm, 6.50 pm
Maryade Prashne (K)	:	3.25 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	3.40 pm
I Want To Talk (H)	:	4.05 pm, 9.45 pm
Sangolli Rayanna (K)	:	6.05 pm
Kal Ho Naa Ho (H)	:	9.45 pm
Sookshmadarshini (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	9.05 am, 10 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm 6.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Wicked (E-3D)	:	9.35 am, 12.55 pm, 7.10 pm
Dvija (K)	:	10.05 am
Mechanic Rocky (Te)	:	12 noon, 6.45 pm
Tenant (K)	:	12.50 pm
Zebra (Te)	:	3.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	3.15 pm
Aaram Arvindswamy (K)	:	4.15 pm, 10 pm
Prabhutva (K)	:	6.35 pm
Karan Arjun (1995) (H)	:	9.45 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 7829999465

Wicked (E-3D)	:	9.35 am, 12.55 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Aaram Arvindswamy (K)	:	9.45 am, 7.25 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	9.45 am, 12.40 pm, 4.15, 7.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Mechanic Rocky (Te)	:	9.55 am, 7.15 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	12.40 pm
Sangolli Rayanna (K)	:	3.35 pm
Zebra (K)	:	3.50 pm
Zebra (Te)	:	10.30 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	4.05 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	10.20 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	9.50 am, 10 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	9.55 am, 12.50 pm, 4.20, 7.15 pm, 10.10 pm
I Want To Talk (H)	:	10.20 am, 7.15 pm
Anshu (K)	:	10.45 am
Sangolli Rayanna (K)	:	1 pm
Tenant (K)	:	1 pm
Mechanic Rocky (Te)	:	1.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Karan Arjun (1995) (H)	:	3.20 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	3.45 pm
Prabhutva (K)	:	4.40 pm
Zebra (K)	:	6.55 pm
All We Imagine As Light (Ma)	:	7.50 pm
Sookshmadarshini (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

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EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 23)

- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Expo and Cultural programmes, State-level Group Folk Dance Competition, Music University VC Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote inaugurates, MLA Tanveer Sait presides, KEA Chairman Ayub Khan guest of honour, former MUDA Chairman Dr. H.V. Rajeev distributes prizes, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) Spokesperson M. Lakshmana and former Mayor Pushpalatha Chikkanna chief guests, MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff and KEA CEO K. Rudresh special invitees; Felicitation to MDJA President K. Deepak, Journalists Ravi Koti & K. Shivakumar and Rajyotsava awardees Vidu. Lalitha Rao, D. Ramu and Dr. Satyanarayana Mysore, P. Kalingarao Rangamantapa, Exhibition Grounds, **5.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi, Mysuru:** Veena Concert by Vidu. Rakshitha Ramesh, accompanied by Vid. Sai Shivu Lakshmikeshav on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata (sponsored by disciples of Vid. T. P. Vydyanathan, in memory of their guru), Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Smt. Rukmini Ammal and Sri Ramaswamy Iyengar Memorial Concert by Vid. Madhurai N. Shivaganeshan, Vid. Keshava Mohan Kumar on violin, Vid. P.S. Sridhar on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Abhivyakthi Trust:** 'Abhivyakthi Habba-24,' Navollasa - Bharatanatyam by artistes of Abhivyakthi, Pramati Hillview Academy Principal C.S. Sudarshana chief guest, Rama-Govinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.15 pm.**
- **The Divine Life Society for Ladies:** Discourse on 'Sundarakanda Ramayana' by K.L. Prasannakshi, Shivananda Jnanalaya, JLB Road, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust:** Devaranama by Kumari Priya, Likitha Gowda, Sukruth and Manoj, accompanied by Vid. Chethan on violin and Vid. Nagaraj on mridanga, Sri Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Agni mattu Male,' written by Girish Karnad, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 24)

- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), Mysuru:** Vasundharotsava-2024, Mysuru Kala Divas - Performance by more than 500 talented disciples of Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and disciples of other established Gurus, choreography and direction by Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy; Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Avadhoota Datta Peetham Seer Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji and Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji will grace the occasion; Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, Sangeet Natak Akademi Chairperson Dr. Sandhya Purecha, Alva Institutes (Moodabidri) Founder Dr. Mohan Alva and Dr. Jagannath Shenoy of Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works chief guests, Nada Mantapa, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Nanjangud Road, **9.30 am.**

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- **Music Concert:** Veena Concert by Vidu. Vasundhara Kikkeri (Dallas, US), supported by Vid. Rupanagudi Ratna Teja on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Mysore Vasudevacharya's residence, **10.30 am.**
- **Mysore Open Forum (MOF):** Talk on 'Constitution: Threats & Response' by Prof. M. Umapathy, retired Political Science Professor, University of Mysore (UoM), Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, #581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **10.30 am.** [Mob: 94498-19536].
- **Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru District Committee:** Valmiki Jayanti, special literary programme, Literary Interactions with Thimmanna Bhat, M.S. Narasimhamurthy and B.K. Jagadish; Releasing of four books — Dr. V. Sowbhagyalakshmi's 'Neralugalu,' Dr. V. Ranganath's 'Badukidare Saladu Balabeku', 'Parichitarolagiruva Aparichitaru' and 'Ettu hoguvudakkinta kottu hoguvudu lesu'; Inauguration of Mysuru District Women's Wing and Children's Wing of Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat, #116, 'Brindavana,' Vinaya Marga, Siddarthanagar, **10.30 am.**
- **Dastkaar Haat:** Indian Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru:** 48th International Nirantara Kalemane Festival, Prof. P.V. Nanjaraja Urs, retired Professor from Maharaja's College, chief guest; Felicitation to Rajyotsava awardees Guru Lalitha Kore M. Rao, Artistic Director, Shantala Nritya Kalaniketan; Prof. Padma Shekar, former Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka Sanskrit University and Karnataka Kalashree Awardee T. Ravindra Sharma, Artistic Director, Ravi Nritya Kala Mandira; Performances - Hindustani Classical Vocal Concert by Dr. Krishnamurthy Ganapati Bhat, Associate Professor, SDM College, Honnavar, Group Light Classical Vocal Concert by Guru Kshama Katwar, Artistic Director, Shrikripa Kala Balaga, Mysuru and her disciples, Kuchipudi by Vidu. Shweta Prasanna, Artistic Director, Nartanam School of Kuchipudi, Bengaluru and her troupe, Bharatanatyam by Vid. Darshan Shankar, Artistic Director, Kapardhini School of Divine Dancing, Bengaluru and his disciples, Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Lakshmy Vishwanathan and her daughter Tanvi Vinod of Margam Arts Foundation, Mysuru, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Hebbal 2nd Stage, **2.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru Sahitya mattu Samskrutika Pratishtana:** Rajyotsava and Children's Day celebrations, Drawing Competition for children, **1.30 pm;** Classical Music Concert by Vidu. S.V. Pannaga and troupe, **2.30 pm to 4 pm;** Stage programme - Releasing of M.B. Santhosh's book 'Bhavabringada Madhuragana' and C. Vani Raghavendra's book 'O sakhi nineshtu sukhi?'; and prize distribution, Kannada Professor Dr. Latha Mysore inaugurates and releases the books, Pratishtana President M.B. Santhosh presides, Ideal Jawa Rotary School premises, JLB Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Abhivyakthi Trust:** 'Abhivyakthi Habba-24,' Nrityollasa - Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Meera Sreenarayanan, Rama-Govinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.15 pm.**
- **The Divine Life Society for Ladies:** Discourse on 'Sundarakanda Ramayana' by K.L. Prasannakshi, Shivananda Jnanalaya, JLB Road, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Checkmate,' directed by Anoop Joshi (Bunty), Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana, **6.30 pm.**

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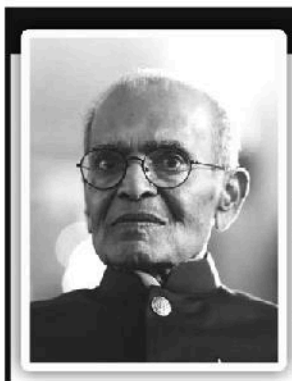

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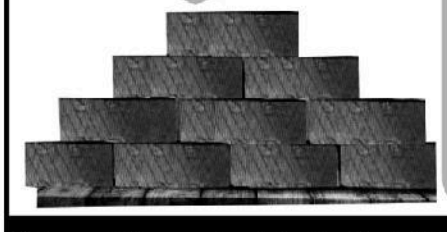

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